



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Mr. Mike Linder
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Dear Mr. Linder:

Re: Approval of Nebraska TMDLs

This letter responds to the submission from Nebraska dated June 26, 2003, of four Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs): Holmes Lake for sedimentation, Holmes Lake for nutrients, Standing Bear Lake for sedimentation, and Standing Bear Lake for nutrients, which were identified on the 2002 Clean Water Act (CWA) §303(d) list.

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has completed its review of the four TMDLs with supporting documentation and information. By this letter, the EPA approves the submitted TMDLs. Enclosed with this letter are Region 7 TMDL Review Forms which summarize the rationale for the EPA's approval of each of these TMDLs. The EPA believes the separate elements of the TMDLs described in the enclosed forms adequately address the pollutants of concern, taking into consideration seasonal variation and a margin of safety.

Based on the EPA's review and supported by informal comments you received during the public comment period from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) regarding the Endangered Species Act, we do not believe there will be adverse affects on federally listed species resulting from our decision on these TMDLs.

The EPA appreciates the thoughtful effort that Nebraska has put into these TMDLs. The EPA will continue to cooperate with and assist, as appropriate, in future efforts by Nebraska to develop the remaining TMDLs.

Sincerely,

Leo J. Alderman
Director
Water, Wetlands, and Pesticides Division

Enclosures